

Board of Commissioners

April 17, 2007 – 2:33 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Tourism

Melissa Miller, Executive Director of the Spencer County Visitors Bureau, asked the Commissioners to sign a resolution making May 12 -20 Spencer County Tourism Week. It coincides with the states Visit Indiana Week, National Tourism Week and the grand opening of the new office and visitors' center in Santa Claus in the Kringle Place Shopping Center. Rininger commended Miller on the work she has done. Logsdon also complimented Miller and the Tourism Board for doing a great job. Logsdon then made a motion to sign resolution

2007-05 making May 12-20 Spencer County Tourism Week. Rininger seconded. All in favor. Rininger told Miller that at the last EMA meeting it was approved to give a weather radio to both of the Interstate 64 Visitors Centers.

Johnson Control Contracts

Rininger told Hildenbrand of Johnson Control that since the roof top units are under warranty, the commissioners have decided that for this year no service contract is needed. If additional service is needed maintenance supervisor King will call Johnson Control. Logsdon asked if the controls for the system that have been maintained by Johnson Control can still be serviced on an on-call basis. Hildenbrand stated that the county still has a contract on the controls through 2008. Rininger stated the commissioners appreciate all that Hildenbrand has done and will do for the county. Logsdon stated that at the last meeting Hildenbrand stressed the importance of keeping the filters clean, and King has stated he can keep them clean. Logsdon suggested that if King needs to hire someone to clean the filters, he should call Johnson Control.

Fire and Safety Contracts

Logsdon asked King who the county has currently been using for the fire and safety requirements. King stated he calls Simplex for the jail. Logsdon asked if King was pleased with their work. King stated yes. Deputy Auditor Graham explained different proposals from Koorsen, Simplex, and Johnson Control for the courthouse, jail, and highway. King stated he calls Simplex for the jail, but he does not have a proposal of charges. Graham stated that Simplex has not given her a quote for handling the self-illuminating exit lights. All of the exit lights in the courthouse are currently not glowing. Graham recommended the county go with Koorsen, because of cost and because they can handle all of the needs for the courthouse, jail, and highway. Logsdon made a motion to table until the May 7th meeting, to give King a chance to contact Simplex and Koorsen about the jail and to see if Simplex handles the self-illuminating exit lights. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

LTRSD Board Appointment

Rininger stated that he was contacted about an appointment for the Luce Township Regional Sewer District Board. Ben Miller's term will be expiring at the end of the month. Edward Ingram sent a resume and requested the appointment. Luce Township Trustee Pete Rapp stated Ingram has been involved from the very beginning and is well educated on the subject. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Edward Ingram to the Luce Township Regional Sewer District Board. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Chris Leiberling Plaque

Rininger addressed the members of Chris Leiberling's family, telling them that everyone in the courthouse felt Chris was such an important part of county government and taught everyone about integrity. Rininger presented the family with the plaque, from all of the courthouse employees, that will be placed on the courthouse lawn with a tree planted in Chris' honor. Rininger asked if there was a tree Chris liked. Phil Leiberling stated it should be a Cherry Bark Red Oak; that was one of his favorites. Phil Leiberling thanked the commissioners and everyone at the courthouse on behalf of the Leiberling family.

Parks Board

Max Schumacher and the Spencer County Parks Board presented the commissioners with the bids they have received for work to be done in the Rockport City Park on roads that are primarily outside city limits. The parks board has \$15,000 toward the project, plus a grant for a special surface on the parking lot for \$30,000. The balance needed is \$15,600. Rininger stated that it is a well used park by the entire county, with the baseball fields, the shelter houses, and the Lincoln Village. Logsdon asked what the funding options were. Highway Superintendent Painter stated CEDIT or rainy-day fund. Logsdon asked if Major Moves money could be used since teams and parents will be coming into the park for baseball. Rininger stated the resurfaced roads will make the park more usable. John Limp stated there is a group raising money to put in a skate park. Logsdon asked Councilman Gogel if using Major Moves funds makes sense. Gogel said yes because the park also helps tourism. Logsdon made a motion to request approval of an appropriation of \$15,600 from the Major Moves funds from the council. Rininger seconded. All in favor. Logsdon asked Painter if the drainage work would be done prior to the paving. Painter stated yes.

Highway Report

Painter stated he has not yet finished prioritizing the roads yet.

Bridge # 91 – The bridge east of Chrisney is done and re-opened.

Bridge # 292 – Painter explained problems have been found with the way the abutments were originally placed, which may cause more problems when the concrete beams are lifted. Logsdon asked who will come in and inspect after the bridge is re-built to protect the county liability. Engineer Holstein stated she has been in contact with United all along and they will come back in and inspect. Logsdon asked if problems do cause add-ons, will the cum bridge fund be able to handle it. Painter and Holstein both said yes.

Road Bond – CR 800 N was bonded by Aurora Gas and Oil Company on November 6th. It appears they have now left the area and the road is in need of repair. Holstein stated she and Painter will work up an estimate and send it to them.

Vectren – Logsdon stated that the Vectren project is moving into the south end of the county and Ron Boehm needs to be contacted to check out the erosion prevention work being done. Rininger stated he had been contacted by Vectren about the agreement Lueken prepared for them to sign. Holstein said she was also contacted and she told them to contact Lueken unless they want to bond the road. Lueken stated he spoke with the Vectren counsel, Jamie Young, and Vectren had problems with the wording of the agreement. Lueken stated that the words were lifted directly off the road bond agreement that they would sign if the road was bonded. He is now waiting to hear back from her.

Engineer Report

Holstein gave the commissioners a copy of the CEDIT Road plan for 2007, 2008, and 2009. Logsdon questioned the appropriation of \$1 million for the Base Road Project when it will not be done this year. Holstein stated she has been holding it back each year to make sure the matching grant money needed will be available. Logsdon stated it should not be appropriated until it is going to be used. Holstein discussed the plan to extend the life of paved roads by putting chip and seal on top of the paving. Logsdon stated the problem with the plan is that Base Road keeps being discussed as if it is already needed and the plant is being built, when the company that may be moving in has not even completed the paper work to move in. Rininger stated that no promises have been made that the road will be built. Councilman Gogel stated the Base Road project was originally going to be a road built for the industrial park started by LincolnLand Economic Development; it originally had nothing to do with this particular company moving to the county. Logsdon made a motion to approve the CEDIT Plan as presented, minus the \$1 million dollars for Base Road. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Legal Report

Equipment Bid - Lueken stated that notice has ran in the paper for a bid opening on May 7th for the highway equipment.

County Bid Form 95 – With a change in the statutes, the county needs to approve a new bid form. Logsdon made a motion to approve County Bid Form 95. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Bid Irregularities – The commissioners will need to adopt a procedure that will be followed if there are irregularities in the bids submitted. He is waiting on guidelines used by the state.

URL Contract – Lueken stated he has looked over the contract with URL and if Holstein is happy with it, he would recommend Tara sign it.

CEDIT Project Bids – The commissioners need to appoint a common construction wage committee. The ones appointed in the past are Anthony Bender, Larry Sigler, Jerry Wilson and Tom Litkenhus as an alternate. Logsdon made a motion to appoint these people again as the Common Construction Wage Committee. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Resolution 2007-06

Councilman Gogel gave the commissioners a resolution prepared by Attorney Jeff Lindsey showing support for funding for the Lincoln Amphitheater. Logsdon made a motion to sign Resolution 2007-06. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Becky Kramer, the county's Victims Advocate, sent a letter requesting permission to set up a display in the courthouse rotunda for National Crime Victims' Rights Week scheduled for April 22-28. The display of "Empty Shoes" represents all of the victims who have "walked through" the criminal justice system and who have been helped by the Victim Assistance Programs. Logsdon made a motion to allow the display. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

IN Region 15

Rininger explained that Lisa Gehlhausen has requested that the commissioners be thinking about the future plans for the county and what the priorities will be for funding. Rininger suggested that a facilitator be again hired for the commissioners and the council to help work out the county priorities; but because of the time constraints this may have to wait until next year. Logsdon stated it would not take long to prioritize the needs, and he would be available to a meeting on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. Rininger stated the council can discuss.

Unemployment Claims

Auditor Shelton asked the commissioners to request an appropriation of \$6,500 for unemployment claims. Logsdon made the motion to request the appropriation. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm.

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| Cindy Shelton, Auditor | |
